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## RED LETTER DAY FOR MASONRY

### CEREMONIES DRAW CROWD

A crowd estimated at between 2,500 and 3,500 was present at the laying of the corner stone of the new school building and the new court house Saturday. They came from every section of the county and from the adjoining counties. The ladies helped to swell the crowd which surged to and fro on court square and the college campus, and Young America of all sizes, from the nursing babe to the lads and lassies who cast sheep's eyes and sighed, were in evidence on every hand.

Much interest and curiosity, too, was manifested in the Masonic ceremonies of laying the corner stone, many having never before attended a similar celebration. Indeed, the ceremonies were the first of the kind held in the county in recent years, at least, and it is claimed by those in a position to know that it was one of the biggest events of the kind in the history of Tennessee Masonry. It was a red letter day for Masonry in Benton County.

Camden Lodge No. 179 F. and A. M. having been requested to lay the corner stone of the new school building and the new court house, the lodge met at their hall at 10 a. m. W. A. Lashlee as marshal formed the lodge in procession, and the march was taken up to college hill where preparations are under way for the erection of Camden's new school building. The exercises were opened with music by a band from Vanleer, then a song by a choir of select voices and prayer by Rev. Frank B. Jones, local pastor of the M. E. Church, South.

Hon. Joe F. Odle, chairman of the building committee, presented the plumb, square and level to Charles Barham of Nashville, acting grand master of the grand lodge of Tennessee, and requested that he lay the corner stone according to Masonic custom. The grand master replied that if he found the stone to be well-formed and suitable for such a building he would grant the request. He then delivered the square to Mayor T. J. Lowry, acting deputy grand master, the level to Hon. William L. Morris, acting senior grand warden, and the plumb to Alderman Will W. Whitfield, acting junior grand warden, and instructed these officers to try the stone with their implements and prove its fitness to be placed in the building as the chief corner stone.

After thoroughly testing the stone as directed, these officers reported it to be of good material, well formed, true and trusty. The grand master then poured corn from a golden vessel on the stone, explaining that corn was an emblem of nourishment; wine from a silver vessel, explaining that wine was an emblem of refreshment, and oil from a silver vessel, likewise explaining that oil was an emblem of joy. After a short address, he struck the stone three times with a gavel and declared it well and truly laid. He delivered the plumb, level and square to Mr. Slayden, one of the contractors, as master builder with a solemn admonition that he complete the building and every part of it in as perfect a manner as the implements thus used taught. The choir rendered a song, after which there was

an address by J. S. Cantwell, principal of Camden High School, and a talk by M. L. Hardin of Bolivar, who was present. After the benediction, pronounced by Rev. Mr. Jones, the lodge took up the procession and returned to the hall.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the procession again formed at Masonic Hall and the Masons marched to the court house grounds where the corner stone of Benton County's new court house was laid by the same officers with similar ceremonies, W. D. Cooper, chairman of the building committee, making the request. At the conclusion of the Masonic ceremonies at the court house, Governor Tom C. Rye, who was present, delivered a splendid address, which was listened to with interest by the large crowd present, which included many ladies and children.

#### NOTES OF THE DAY.

Ex-Postmaster Dan Nobles of Paris was here for a peek, and smiled benignly on old friends.

For some reason the barbecue failed to materialize; hence many, many queries went unanswered.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hardin escaped from Bolivar long enough to be present and witness the ceremonies.

The best of humor was in evidence, and the only discomfort was the scorching heat in the forenoon, which was relieved by refreshing showers.

The number of Masons in the line of march was estimated at between 150 and 200. The intense heat cause several to drop out of ranks ere they reached college hill.

## SUGAR TREE CONTRIBUTION

As no news items from Sugar Tree have appeared in "The Old Reliable" for sometime, I enclose you some late notes.

Miss Odie Alexander is visiting at Holladay this week.

W. L. Moore of Holladay was here on business last week.

D. R. Odle, who has been sick for sometime, is about the same.

Miss Maggie Cox spent the week-end here with Miss Jettie Brasher.

Sugar Tree 14, Eagle Creek 5, was the score at Eagle Creek last Saturday.

Miss Wilma Wilson visited Miss Lorene Fry at Coxburg the latter part of the week.

George Bright and family of Decaturville visited Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Brasher last week.

William Bright of Texas has been visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Brasher, for the past two weeks.

Harold Fry and Miss Bernice Dennison were present at the laying of the corner stones in Camden Saturday.

Clyde Fry of Coxburg finds it convenient to spend a portion of his time in Sugar Tree. Oh, well; there's a reason.

A splendid meeting was held at Manley's Chapel last week, and much good was accomplished. There were several conversions and additions to the church.

There will be plenty of comedy in "The Noble Outcast" which will be at the college auditorium, Camden, Thursday night, August 26.

## LAST ROUND.

The following is the fourth round of appointments of Rev. J. V. Freeman, presiding elder of the M. E. Church, South:

Beech Bluff circuit, Big Springs, August 21-22.

Wildersville circuit, Wildersville, August 28-29.

Selmer circuit, Sulphur Springs, September 4-5.

Craneville circuit, Eureka, September 11-12.

Bethel and Selmer, Bethel, September 12-13.

Lexington circuit, Nebo, September 18-19.

Lexington station, Lexington, September 19-20.

Hollow Rock circuit, Mount Zion, September 25-26.

Huntingdon station, Huntingdon, September 26-27.

Scott's Hill circuit, Ebenezer, October 2-3.

Saltillo and Sardis, Sardis, October 3-4.

Shiloh circuit, Shiloh, October 9-10.

Adamsville circuit, Bethlehem, October 10-11.

Enville mission, Enville, October 16-17.

Camden circuit, Liberty, October 23-24.

Camden station, Camden, October 24-25.

Bath Springs circuit, Center, October 30-31.

Decaturville circuit, Parsons, October 31 and November 1.

Holladay circuit, McIlwain, November 6-7.

"The Noble Outcast" at the college next Thursday night.

## THE SCHOOL QUESTION AGAIN

### A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT

A well-known school man of the town and active churchman handed us the following paper to look over, with the privilege of publishing it, if we deemed it worthy. The article brings out some new thoughts on the school problem in Camden which the reader will doubtless find interesting.

"Sending our boys and our girls away to school has reached that period or state that calls forth serious and careful reflection. The question is, why is this done? We are sure the motive is a worthy one, and a thing any father and mother would be glad to do for their son or daughter should they be financially able. Higher education is the slogan of the present age, and a thing we sincerely endorse. But it occurs to us that some of us are making serious mistakes along this line that we could, to a great extent, remedy.

"In the first place, some who go away for higher work, or grades, we will say, can procure the same work right here in Camden at less expense, and often do better work, as the past State examination demonstrated, and the majority of those who took this examination in Benton County were those who received their education here in Camden, Big Sandy or Holladay, and, what is better, Benton County's record in this examination stands near the head of the list of the counties in Tennessee.

"The idea seems to prevail with some that going away to school gives the student a name or standing that can not be had in Benton County schools. To those let us say, compare the records of those who have gone away to school with those who have patronized and helped to upbuild the schools of our county and see for yourself. And again, name and standing will not stand you instead when the acid tests come; only your actual knowledge of the subject will suffice, and this can be had right here in Camden to the extent that you can make good most anywhere. It has been done, and can be done again.

"There is another reason given why students are sent away to school, and that is they can not find grades high enough to accommodate them, or the teaching force is not adequate to the demands of such students, even though such teachers are amply qualified. At first thought the reasons advanced seem sound enough. But after a little study and a review of the matter we find these reasons are not always tenable.

"About ten boys and girls living in Camden went away to school last year at a cost of about \$225 each, making \$2,250 carried away from Camden to help build up some other school or schools, to help build up some other town or towns, and in most cases the teachers here could not only have given the course taken by such students last year, but could have given them a four year course besides.

"Then why go away? Now you are ready to say, 'Yes, you have told the trouble, but what is your remedy?' Well, we are going to give you the remedy. If you men who put up that \$2,250 last year to send your boys and girls away to school will use that fund to aug-

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## CASH ECONOMY STORE

I have moved to the corner where the postoffice used to be on the south side of Court Square. Now accept my thanks for the trade you have given me in the past, and at the same time ask you to kindly continue trading with me. To those who have not traded with me, allow to ask for just a little bit of your trade. I need your business, and will give you full value received for every penny invested.

### Up-to-Date Line of Goods

I have a new and up-to-date stock, including the best grades of flour such as "Gold Medal," "Dolly Varden" and "White City."

### Note These Prices

Sugar.....14 pounds for \$1.00	Compound......12
Bacon, extra......17	Oil......15
Smoked meat......13	Vinegar (apple)......35
Pure lard......14	Try our line of new coffees.

### Have You a Sweet Tooth?

You should see our beautiful line of Candies—the purest, the freshest and the sweetest on the square—10c, 15c and 20c per pound.  
Buy your Fruits, Peanuts and Popcorn at my store.

### A Swell Line of Notions, Etc.

I have a swell little line of Notions, and I have a few Nice Straw Hats I am offering at 85c.

Yes, I keep Cheese, Bologna Sausage and "Pop" on ice. A 5c lunch with a bottle of "Pop" is very refreshing when you are hot. Try one.

Don't forget the place, near the corner on the south side of Court Square, where the postoffice used to be.

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